



Monthly Meeting #4

Coordinated Water System Plan Western Region

Middletown City Hall; 245 deKoven Drive; Middletown, Connecticut | September 21, 2016

Agenda



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Preliminary Water Supply Assessment



Goal for Today:

- Approve Preliminary Water Supply Assessment (PWSA) for release for public review and comment

How is this a Unique Process?

- The Water Supply Assessment is handled differently in the Statutes and Regulations as compared to most public documents
- The “Preliminary” and “Final” are defined as separate reports to ensure that municipal, regional, public, and other comments are gathered and considered
- This is different than most plans that simply change from an internal draft, to a public draft, to a final plan

Preliminary Water Supply Assessment

WUCC Members that Provided Information or Comments

- The Metropolitan District
- South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
- Berlin Water Department
- Connecticut Water Company
- University of Connecticut
- Regional Water Authority
- Regional School District 13 (Durham)
- Aquarion Water Company
- Town of Marlborough
- Manchester Water Department
- Meriden Water Department



Preliminary Water Supply Assessment



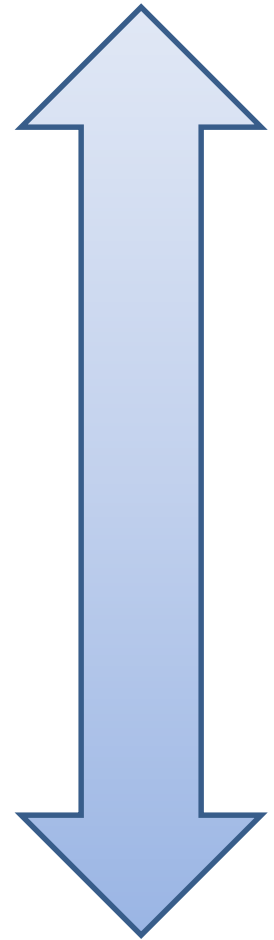
Items to be Added to Public Draft of PWSA Today/Tomorrow

- Updates to the page numbers and Table of Contents
- Various formatting
- Specific comments received today

Preliminary Water Supply Assessment

Items for the Final Water Supply Assessment

- Survey results received while the survey is still open
- The identified *Issues, Needs, and Deficiencies* (Section 7) may be more specific if additional comments are received
- Discussion of public water supply issues unrelated to existing systems (example cited was East Hampton's proposed townwide water system that failed to pass referendum); this will be possible to add only if examples are brought to our attention
- Additional conclusions based on population data, land use, and growth trends (Section 5) for characterization of public water supply needs



Preliminary Water Supply Assessment



Items for the Final Water Supply Assessment (Continued)

- Capacity Assessment Tool (CAT) scores provided by Technical, Managerial, and Financial Capacity (if authorized for release by DPH)
- Add interconnection “expiration dates” to Table 2-9; Revise to sort by Primary Supplier vs. Primary Receiver
- Add service population data to community systems on Appended Figure 2
- Other items related to comments received by the consulting agencies, WUCC members, and the public following publication of the Preliminary WSA for public comment

Preliminary Water Supply Assessment



Items That Cannot be Addressed

- Maps of Existing and Planned Interconnections; other specific mapping requests (*CWWA and DPH advise against depicting interconnection locations*)
- Small systems owned by larger utilities should be excluded from Appendices (*There is some information about these systems in the Appendices that isn't located elsewhere*)
- More detail regarding small system issues identified during the Capacity Assessment (*CWWA and WUCC members have advised against sharing specific system vulnerabilities*)

Preliminary Water Supply Assessment

- Discussion / Final Comments



Water Supply Assessment Schedule



Action	Timeline
Preliminary WSA Adoption	September 21, 2016 Meeting
30-Day Public Comment Period on Preliminary WSA	September 23, 2016 to October 24, 2016
WUCC Review & Action on Public Comment / Additional Member Comments – SPECIAL MEETING DATE	October 25, 2016 Meeting
Initial Draft Final WSA to WUCC Members	November 1, 2016
WUCC Review & Action on Public Comments / Additional Member Comments	November 16, 2016 Meeting
Final Draft of Final WSA to WUCC Members	December 1, 2016
Adoption of Final WSA – SPECIAL MEETING DATE	December 12, 2016 Meeting
Submission of Final WSA to DPH	December 15, 2016

Preliminary Water Supply Assessment

- Vote to Approve for Release



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CPCN Process in Brief



- Section 16-262m(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes describes the process by which developers must apply for a certificate of public convenience and necessity
- When there is an ESA provider, a signed ownership agreement between an applicant and ESA provider is required, detailing terms & conditions under which the system will be constructed, service, and ownership responsibilities
- The supply system must be designed and constructed to meet minimum design standards and acceptable to DPH and the ESA provider, who takes the system over as the legal owner and/or operator
- Determination is needed that conditions in Sec 16-262m are met.

Conditions of Certificate



1. No interconnection is feasible;
2. Applicant will complete the construction or expansion in accordance with engineering standards established by regulation by PURA for water supply systems;
3. Ownership of the system will be assigned to the ESA provider when an ESA provider has been determined pursuant to section 25-33g;
4. The proposed construction or expansion will not result in a duplication of water service in the applicable service area;
5. The applicant meets all federal and state standards for water supply systems;

Conditions of Certificate (cont.)



6. The entity that will own the water supply system has the financial, managerial and technical resources to
 - A. operate the proposed water supply system in a reliable and efficient manner; and
 - B. provide continuous adequate service to consumers served by the water supply system;
7. The proposed water supply system will not adversely affect the adequacy of nearby water supply systems; and
8. Any existing or potential threat of pollution that the Department of Public Health deems to be adverse to public health will not affect any new source of water supply.

CPCN Process in Brief



- In those cases where an ESA has not been assigned or where an ESA provider will not be taking over ownership of a system, WUCC approval is required
- DPH has been forwarding ongoing and new CPCN applications to the WUCC regions for action
- The statutes and regulations are silent as to the specific procedures of WUCC approval, leaving it up to the individual WUCCs as to how to process, review, and act on an application, including when in the CPCN process the WUCC should take action
- Numerous CPCN applications are in process in the Central Region on which the WUCC will be required to act

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ESA Process in Brief

- Existing ESAs for the most part should remain unchanged
- The Eastern Region has formed a committee and developed Preliminary Exclusive Service Area Declaration forms to claim a new ESA
- Draft scoring worksheets were also prepared to help WUCC members evaluate ESA claims and presentations
- ESA declaration process anticipated in the October/November timeframe in hopes of determination by consensus
- If consensus is not reached, PURA and/or DPH will be consulted to assist with determination of preliminary boundaries
- ESA holders will sign Statements of Confirmation acknowledging the final ESA boundary and responsibilities

ESA Process Draft Schedule



Action	Timeline
Notification Letters and Affirmation Request Letter	September 30, 2016
Affirmation Response Due Date	October 25, 2016
Approval of Declaration Forms and Distribution to WUCC Members and Municipalities	October 25, 2016
Declaration Form Due Date	November 16, 2016
Summary of Declaration Forms, Schedule Presentations for Conflicted Declarants, and Approve Scoring Rubric	December 12, 2016
30-Day Public Comment Period for Areas with Conflicted Declarants - OPTIONAL	December 13 – January 11, 2017
Presentations by Conflicted Declarants, Conflict Resolution, PURA Recommendations	January 18 & February 15, 2017 Meetings
Approve Preliminary ESA Document for Public Review	March 2017 Meeting
30-Day Public Comment Period, final PURA Recommendations, Approval of ESA Document	April, May, and June 2017 Meetings

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